

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A surface analysis device for identifying molecules by simultaneously scanning nanocodes on a surface of a substrate, comprising:

a scanning array configured to ~~enable~~ of simultaneously scan ~~scanning~~ the nanocodes on the surface of the substrate; and an analyzer coupled with the scanning array configured to receive ~~capable of receiving~~ simultaneously scanned information from the scanning array and utilizing the simultaneously scanned information to identify molecules associated with the nanocodes.

2. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein simultaneously scanning includes measuring the friction characteristics of the substrate and the nanocodes.

3. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the scanning array includes two or more atomic force microscopy (AFM) tips.

4. (Original) The device of claim 3, wherein the scanning array is a 3x3 array of AFM tips.

Claims 5-11. (Canceled).

12. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the molecules include DNA molecules.

13. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a substrate holder.

14. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the nanocodes include molecular assay labels.

15. (Currently amended) A surface analysis device for identifying molecules by simultaneously scanning nanocodes on a surface of a substrate, comprising:

a substrate holder; a scanning array proximate the substrate holder configured to move ~~capable of moving~~ in relation to the substrate holder and simultaneously scan ~~scanning~~ nanocodes on the surface of the substrate; and an analyzer coupled with the scanning array ~~capable of receiving~~ configured to simultaneously scanned information from the scanning array and utilizing the simultaneously scanned information to identify molecules associated with the nanocodes.

Claims 16-19. (Canceled).

20. (Currently amended) A method of ~~identifying characteristics or properties of molecules~~ ~~by~~ simultaneously scanning nanocodes on a surface of a substrate, comprising:

providing a substrate with nanocodes thereon; and

simultaneously scanning the nanocodes using a surface analysis device having a scanning array.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising: receiving the scanned information from the scanning array with an analyzer; and identifying the molecules associated with the nanocodes.

22. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein simultaneously scanning includes measuring the friction characteristics of the substrate and the nanocodes.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the scanning array includes two or more atomic force microscopy (AFM) tips.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the scanning array is a 3x3 array of AFM tips.

Claims 25-29. (Canceled).

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the nanocodes include one or more nanotube assemblies having organic elements.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the nanocodes include one or more nanotube assemblies having inorganic elements.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the nanocodes include one or more nanotube assemblies having biochemical elements.

33. (Original) A method of accelerated scanning of nanocodes on a substrate to identify molecules associated with the nanocodes, comprising:

simultaneously scanning the nanocodes using a scanning array having two or more microscopy tips;

receiving the simultaneously scanned information from the scanning array with an analyzer; and

identifying the molecules associated with the nanocodes.

34. (Original) The method of claim 33, wherein the microscopy tips are scanning tunneling microscopy (STM) tips.

35. (Original) The method of claim 33, wherein the microscopy tips are atomic force microscopy (AFM) tips.

36. (Original) The method of claim 33, wherein the microscopy tips are a combination of atomic force microscopy (AFM) and scanning tunneling microscopy (STM) tips.

37. (Original) The method of claim 33, wherein simultaneously scanning includes parallel scanning by the scanning array.